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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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## RESPONSE TO NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents And Trademarks P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 16, 2004

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated December 18, 2003, having a shortened statutory period set to expire January 18, 2004. January 18, 2004 is a Sunday. Monday, January 19, 2004 is a Federal holiday.

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicant has corrected the status identifiers where necessary.

Please amend the application as follows:

## In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown in the section entitled "Claim Amendments".